



# **Briefing to the WSDOT Project Engineers Statewide Meeting**

## **2010 Olympics: Overview of Washington State Planning and Project Development Efforts**

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# 2010 Olympics

## **Overview of Washington State Planning and Project Development Efforts**

### Goal:

Travelers to the 2010 Winter Olympic Games arrive safely and satisfied with their Washington experience.

- An Emerging Olympic Corridor ...
- Actions and Thinking to Date ...
- Legislative Actions to Fund and Accelerate Projects ...
- What We Still Need to Know and Do ...
- What Are Other Groups Doing ...



# B.C. organizers taking lessons from Torino

By ALLEN SCHAUFFLER / KING 5 News

Vancouver Olympic Committee CEO John Furlong

*John Furlong describes an "**Olympic corridor**" stretching from Vancouver BC to Seattle and says efforts are under way to speed up the border crossing for Northwest spectators.*

*"We recognize that a huge portion of our audience will come from the United States and because Canadians have such joy at beating the Americans at various different things, we think they'll probably want to come up and see that for themselves," Furlong said jokingly.*



# Washington/BC Border

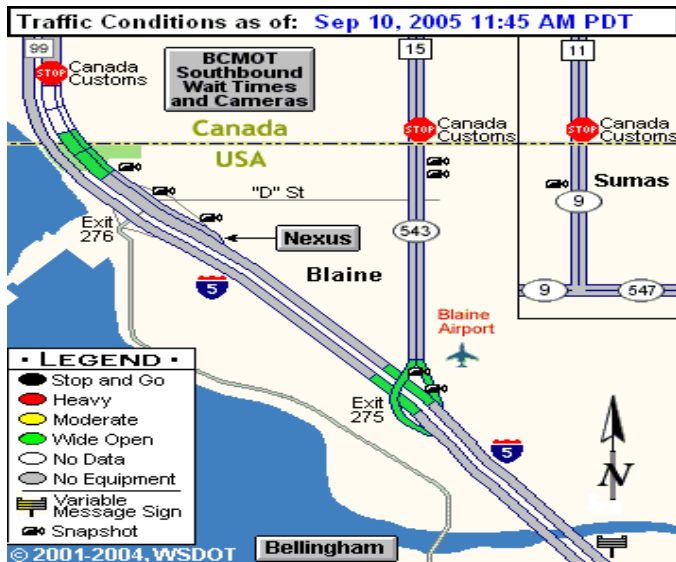
## I-5 Peace Arch (Blaine)



## SR 543 (Blaine)



## SR 9 (Sumas)



## Bellingham/Border TMC







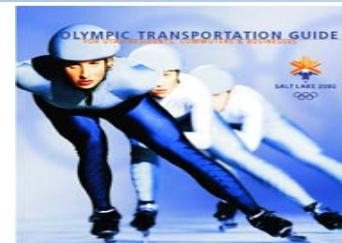
## Actions to Date:

### Salt Lake Peer Exchange In March 2004

Sponsored by the FHWA

Who Went?

What Did We Learn?



Vancouver Organizing Committee





## Thinking to Date:

### **How to plan for your next door neighbors really big party**

- 17 Days of Olympic Games Events  
Feb 12<sup>th</sup> – Feb 28<sup>th</sup>
- 10 days of Paralympic Games Events  
Mar 12<sup>th</sup> – Mar 21<sup>st</sup>
- 1.8 million tickets
- 500,000 attendees
- Non ticket holding attendees

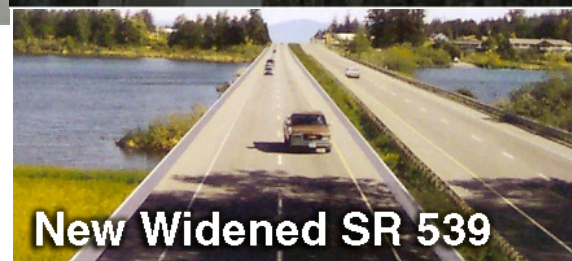
### **Traffic Impacts**

- 20% to 25% arriving through Canada/US borders
- 4,000 – 8,000 additional daily trips
- A Seahawks game every day





# Major components to a WSDOT Strategy





## Legislative Actions Washington's Work is Underway

- 2003 Transportation Revenue Package
- 2004 Legislative Action to Accelerate Projects
- 2006 Supplemental Budget Appropriation of federal SAFETEA-LU funds

Emphasis on:

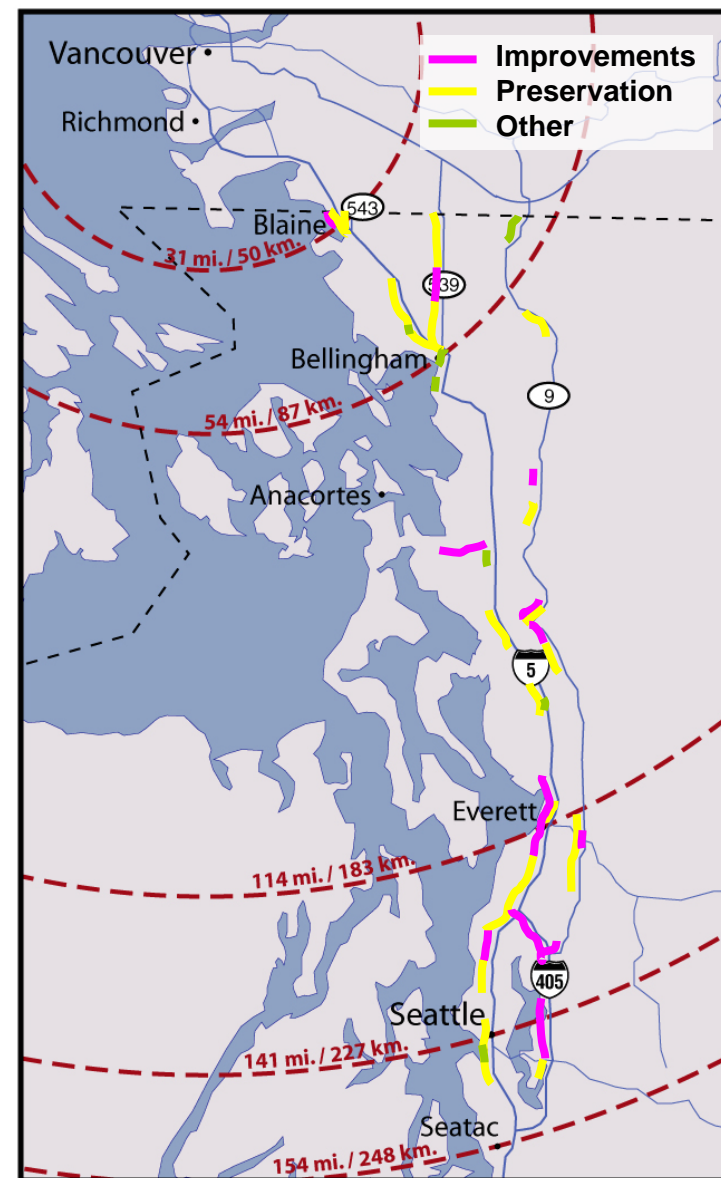
- ✓ Capital Projects
- Future Legislative Actions must focus on:
  - ✓ Operational Needs
  - ✓ Visitor Information Sites and Materials





## WSDOT Capital Projects Under Construction between 2004 through 2009

Pre-existing funds,  
2003 Transportation Revenue Package  
and SAFETEA-LU





## Capital Project: SR 539, Horton Road to Lynden Completed by Fall 2009



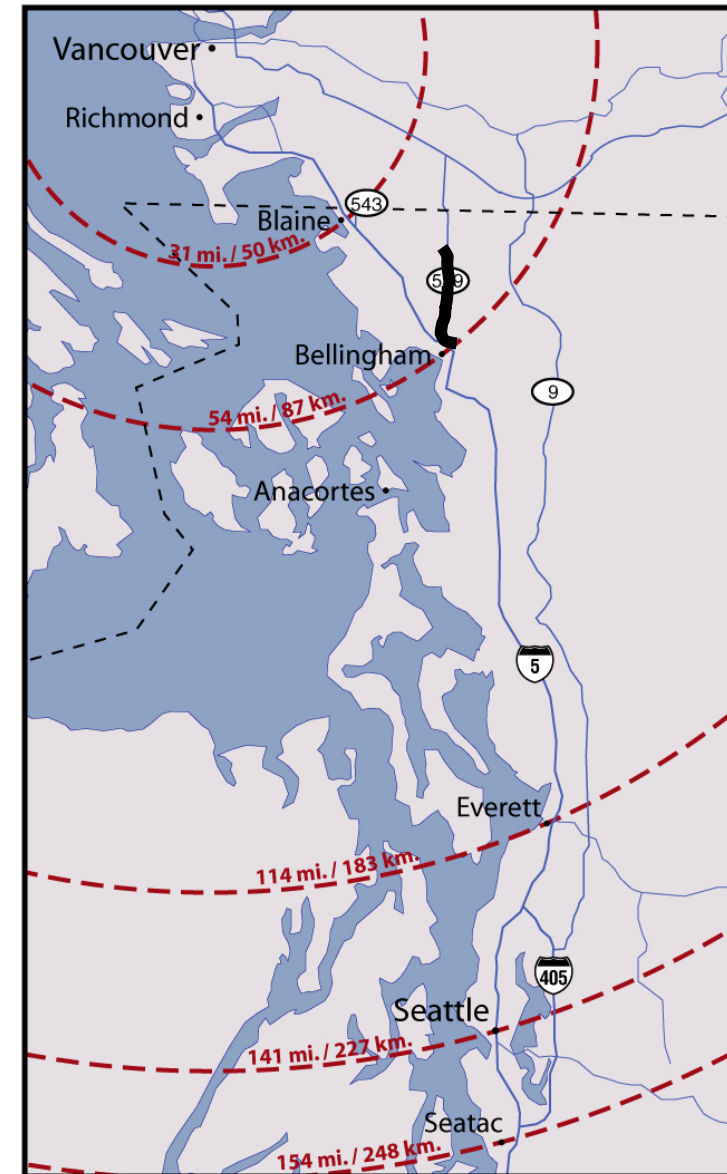
Before



After

### Actions to Date:

- ✓ 2003 Transportation Revenue Package
- ✓ 2004 Legislative Action To Accelerate Projects
- ✓ Design and Right of Way underway.



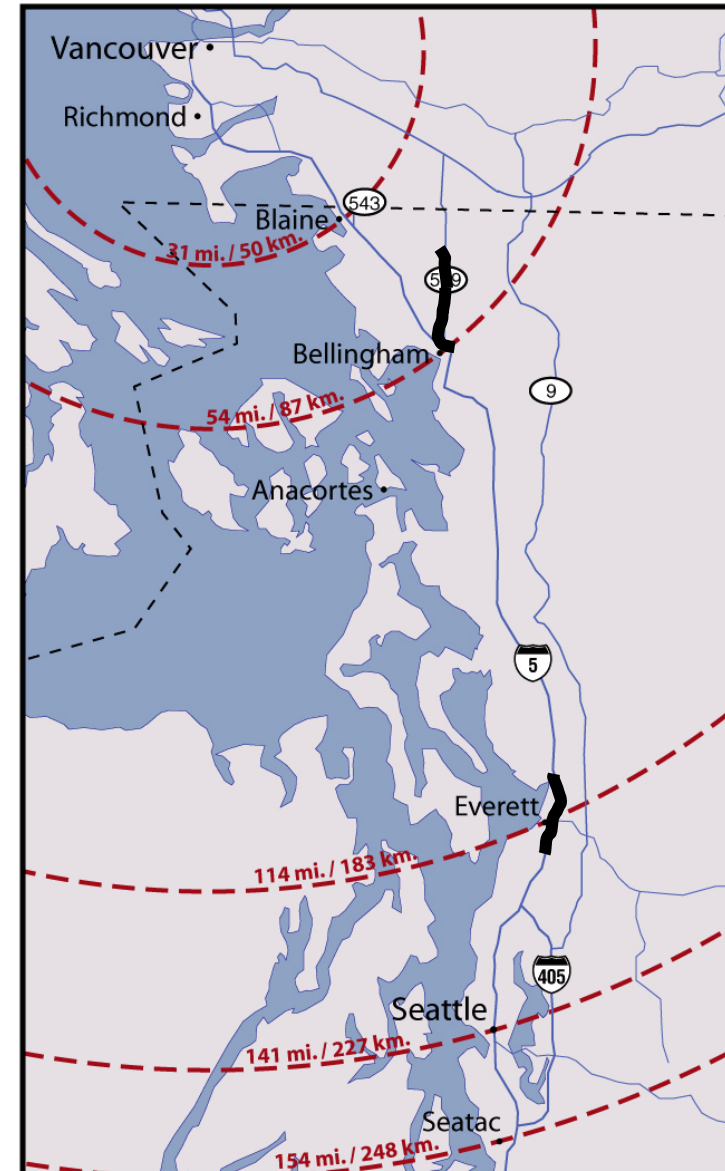


## Capital Project: I-5 Everett Vicinity HOV Lanes Extended by Fall 2009



### Actions to Date:

- ✓ 2003 Transportation Revenue Package
- ✓ 2004 Legislative Action To Accelerate Projects
- ✓ Design/Build project
- ✓ Construction work is now underway





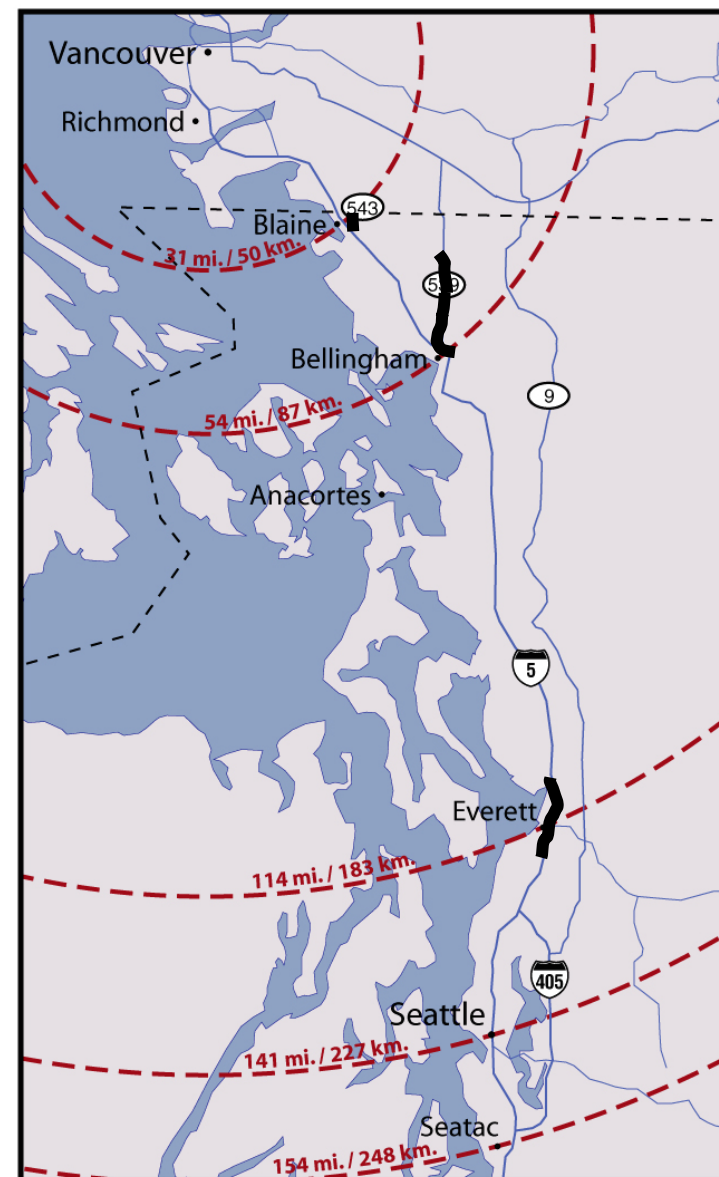


## Capital Project: SR 543, Interstate 5 to Canadian Border Completed by Fall 2007



### Actions to Date:

- ✓ 2003 Transportation Revenue Package
- ✓ Right-of-way acquisition underway
- ✓ Design underway



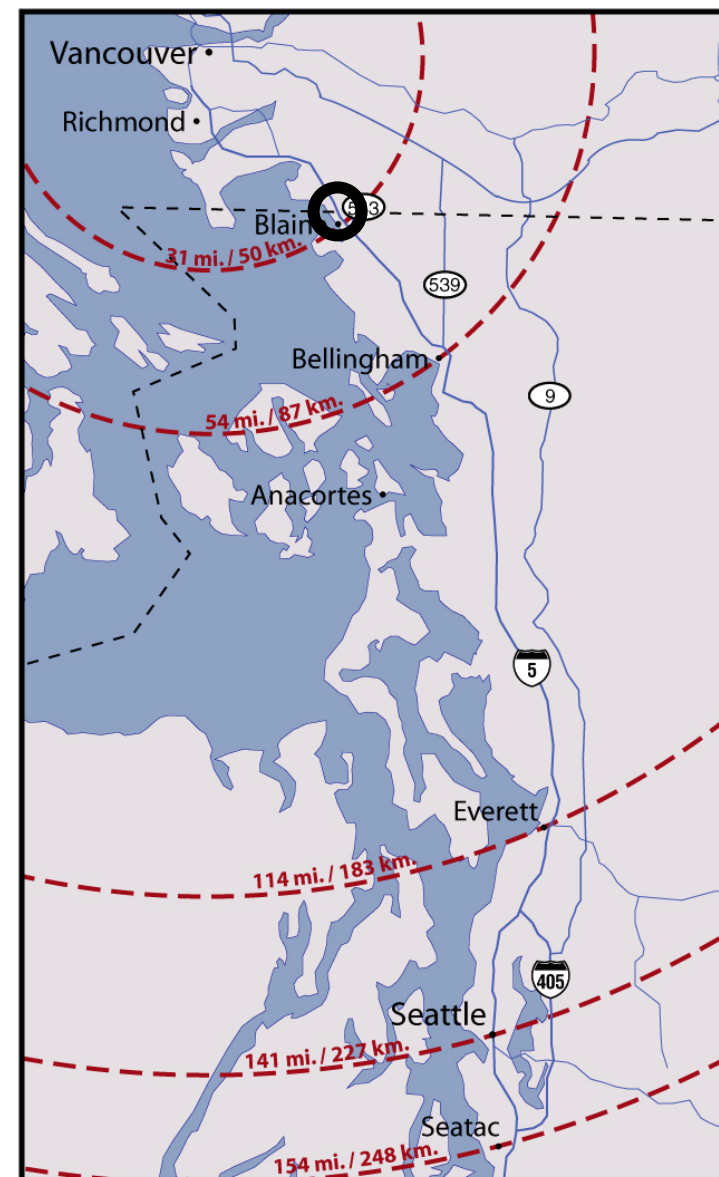




## Capital Project:

### I-5, Peace Arch Port of Entry:

- U.S. General Services Administration is currently designing a new border crossing facility at the Peace Arch in Blaine.
- This new border facility will necessitate freeway improvements and particularly the exit #276 interchange.
- These highway improvements were funded by new federal funds. The project is currently being designed.





## Operational Emphasis Areas

- Snow and Ice Removal
- Enhanced Maintenance Facilities
- Safety Rest Areas and Visitor Information Sites
- Traffic Operations
  - Variable message signs
  - Directional signage
  - Pavement striping
  - Incident response
  - Border crossing traffic management
  - Safety and security measures





**Amtrak *Cascades* service operates on the Pacific Northwest Rail Corridor**

**Current Service:**

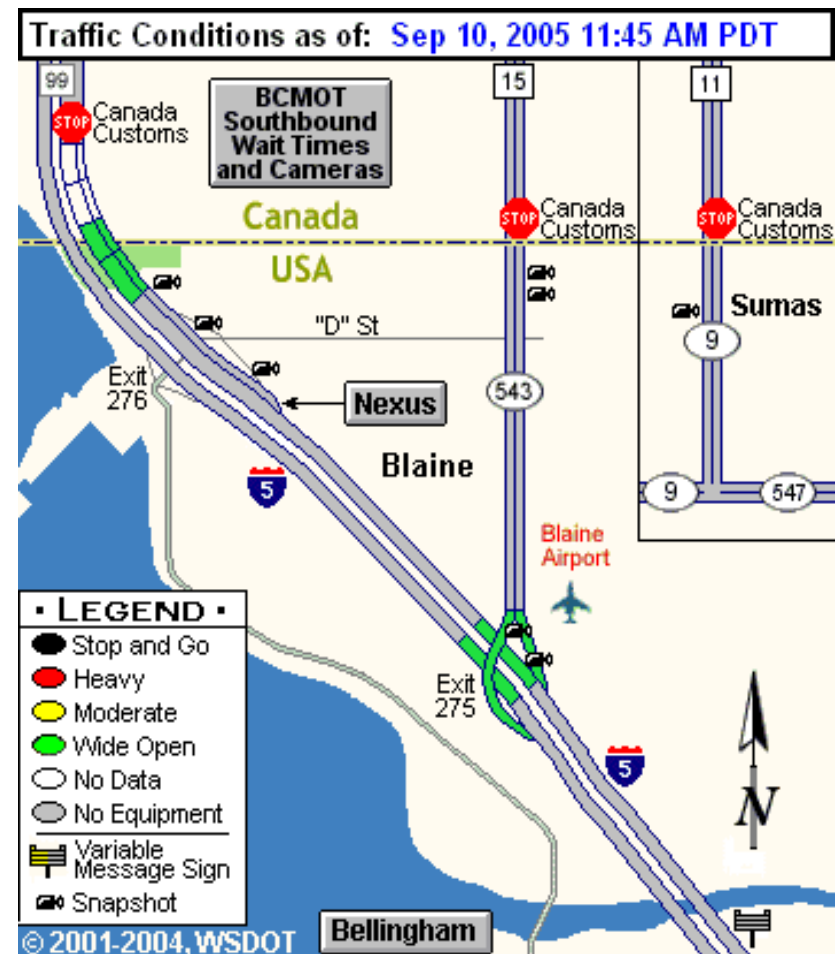
**One roundtrip daily**

- **Seattle to Vancouver, BC**
- **Seattle to Bellingham**





# International Cooperation







## What Are Others Doing in Washington State?

- Governor Christine Gregoire
- Washington State Patrol
- Washington Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development
- Whatcom Council of Governments
- International Mobility and Trade Corridor (IMTC)



# The Goal of a "Perfect" Olympic Day

